THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Even the Speaker has some rights! " (Laughter.)

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" My point is this. We have passed on to the next question. Now the Chief Minister gets up and makes a statement. I would like to know for information whether it is right so that we may conduct our business in the proper manner. Has he a right of replying after the question is over? If he wants, let him make a statement at the appropriate time."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The very fact the Speaker allowed the Chief Minister to answer means that he feels that the Chief Minister has a right to answer."

Report of the Government to the Gadgil Committee.

* 263-B Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the report submitted by the Government to Gadgil Committee?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Madras Government did not submit any report to Gadgil's Committee. They furnished only certain factual information required by the Committee such as strength of staff up to various pay limits, rates of dearness allowance and house rent allowance, total expenditure on pay and dearness allowance, etc."

SRI G. RAMA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government consider it necessary to implement the recommendations of the Gadgil Committee? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That does not arise now."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Are the Government of Madras aware of the recommendations of the Gadgil Committee and the decisions of the Government of India thereon? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have read a report in the newspapers."

Relief measures in Kadiri and Penukonda taluks.

* 263-C Q.—SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether severe drought conditions in the famine-affected areas of Kadiri, Penukonda and Dharmavaram taluks in Anantapur district were brought to the notice of the Government by the District authorities and the public of Anantapur district in the months of January and February 1953; and

(b) if so, what action was taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) A representation was received from Sri T. Lakshminarayana Reddy, M.L.A., regarding the prevalence of acute distress in Kadiri and Penukonda taluks. No such representation in

respect of Dharmavaram taluk was received. Periodical reports are received from the Collector about the conditions in the district.

"(b) The three taluks are already considered as drought affected and all possible action to afford relief to the affected persons has been taken such as starting of relief works, opening of gruel centres, grant of loans and postponement of kist collections pending sanction of land revenue remission."

SRI K. V. VEMA REDDI :—" In view of the persistent drought conditions in the three taluks, may I request the Hon. the Minister for Revenue to see that more relief works are started in those areas? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is making a suggestion to the Government."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" In view of the fact that the Government have admitted that there are drought conditions in these three taluks, may I know the number of gruel centres that are run in each taluk, the number of work centres that are being run and the number of persons that are working in them? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" There are at present 54 road works, six tank improvement works, 122 rural water-supply works, 49 minor irrigation works, one Upper Pennar Project work and 20 other works. Out of 139 gruel centres, 138 are in Kadiri taluk. The Board of Revenue has sanctioned opening of more gruel centres in B class areas like Penukonda and Dharmavaram."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" Out of 139 gruel centres, we are told that 138 are in Kadiri taluk. May I know whether the Government do not feel that Penukonda and Dharmavaram taluks are drought-affected areas as the Hon. Minister had admitted in his answer to the main question? If so, why is it that both the taluks have only one gruel centre? Does he expect all the drought-affected people of these two taluks to go to the one gruel centre opened for them and have their gruel there? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, Kadiri taluk is treated as A class area and Penukonda and Dharmavaram are treated as class B areas. Sanction has already been given to start gruel centres and when necessity arises for more centres, then they will be opened."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" What are the recommendations of the Collector with respect to opening of gruel centres in the Madagasira taluk where adverse seasonal conditions exist? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" We are on three particular taluks. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI :—" In view of repeated representations by M.L.As. and the people, will the

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Government immediately start gruel centres in Penukonda, Kadiri and Dharmavaram taluks also and have some more relief works there? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sanction has already been given and the local officers will decide the question."

SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU :—" May I know the number of people that are employed in all the works in all the taluks? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Why not I have notice, Sir? "

SRI D. SEETHARAMIAH :—" May I know when the Government will open gruel centres in Dharmavaram and Penukonda taluks? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already said that the Collector will take care of the matter."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" The point is what action the Government have taken on the representations made by the public and the M.L.As. in January and February, how long they will take to consider the report that is to be received from the District Collector and how long after that they will take to open gruel centres in Dharmavaram and Penukonda."

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I have already said that the matter is entirely left to the Collector, sanction having been given. Now a report is awaited with regard to remission of kist."

Memorandum from the Jaggery Production Co-operative Society, Cherukunnu, North Malabar.

* 263-D Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memorandum or resolution from the Jaggery Production Co-operative Society, Cherukunnu, North Malabar, recently regarding the exemption from sales tax on sales effected by the society and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" No representation has been received by the Government from the Jaggery Production Co-operative Society, Cherukunnu, regarding exemption from sales tax of the sales effected by the society."

Memorandum from the villagers of Sakhamur, Guntur district.

* 263-E Q.—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum from the villagers Sakhamur, Tadikonda firka, Guntur district in the month of November 1952 regarding the assignment of a tank to political sufferers belonging to another taluk;